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President's Message

The annual RCNA convention and our annual CAWMC Breakfast and AGM are now behind us. The minutes of our AGM of July 20th in Calgary should appear in the September issue of Timber Talk.

This month, Judy Blackman explores diverse games where kids play with wooden money. The games could possibly get kids to appreciate diverse forms of wooden money and tokens and keep them interested in pursuing the hobby, once they grow up. Thanks Judy for a very interesting article.

The featured wood of the month gave me an excellent opportunity to present one of my favorite woods, that of the portrait of Lou Vesh, as usual displaying his sense of humour through a great representation of himself sporting a "rotating eye". Makes me smile every time I see it.

While researching the proper name for the Monday of the long week-end in August, I felt that my head spun off at the long list of different names for that day. In British Columbia, we celebrate **British Columbia Day**, in Alberta, **Heritage Day**; **Saskatchewan Day** in SK; **New Brunswick Day** for New Brunswick. In Ontario and Nunavut, we celebrate a very generic **Civic Day**. In other provinces and territories and some municipalities, the powers- that-be seem to have a bit more imagination or at least saw an opportunity to celebrate local heroes, such as **Regatta Day** in Newfoundland, **Terry Fox Day** in MB, , **Natal Day** in Nova Scotia and PEI, **Simcoe Day** in Toronto, **Colonel By Day** in Ottawa; **Joseph Brant Day** in Burlington, ON. It is called **Benjamin Vaughan** day in the City of Vaughan, Ontario. Yukon celebrated **Discovery Day** later in August and Quebec does not have any holiday in that month.

What does this have to do with woods, you'll ask? Not that much , other than my confirmation that our country is huge and extremely diversified, and that may be our possible areas of research for woods is almost boundless.

France



Lou Vesh

Free Wood of the Month of August 2019

For AUGUST there will be TWO woods used as there is not enough of one of each, for all members.

These woods have been donated by Lou and Yvonne Vesh. Lou informed me that he had many extras of some of his personally issued woods and that CAWMC was welcome to them. The only problem was that he didn't have enough extras of each wood for all members. I took him up on his generous offer.

The two woods for August were both distributed by Lou and Yvonne at two different conventions one in Windsor and one in Toronto. Therefore there is a **Convention Theme** reflected in these woods. Some of our members who attended these two, years ago, conventions may have these woods but there will be many, **many members who do not have them**. They are beautiful woods to be able to add to anyone's collection. Lou and Yvonne distributed them when they were living in West Guilford, Ont. Lou and Yvonne now reside in Thunder Bay, Ont.



The 2003 Windsor wood is listed as 5944 - 114 . The obverse is black/red in colour and the reverse is black/red/gold in colour.

The 2004 Toronto wood is listed as 5944 - 117. The obverse of this wood is black/red in colour and the reverse is black/red/gold in colour.

Every member will receive one of either of these two woods, but not both. Other woods that Lou and Yvonne have donated will be featured in the fall months.



Portraits on wood

This is another one of my favorite woods. I met Lou Vesh many times over the years and have always considered him, apart from being a gentleman, one of the most imaginative creators of woods, from his "Birds Of My Garden" series to this "rotating eye' self portrait.

France



Getting Kids Interested In Woods

submitted by **Judy Blackman**, FONA, KStE

It can be challenging to get other numismatists to recognize wooden money as a bona fide area of the hobby. It is even more of an effort, to get children interested in the hobby of collecting woods. Recently, I have been pleasantly surprised to find some ways of introducing woods to kids. This is in addition to the article I put in an earlier Timber Talk about the burlaps bags of wooden Canadian banknotes and wooden Canadian coins made by Ontario artists (thewoodlot.org).



While on Amazon for another purpose, I stumbled upon a game (ASIN B00AQQLZJY) that uses wooden money. The object of the game is to pick up all the wooden nickels with heads showing. The board, which measures about 8 inches by 2 inches, is deeply laser-engraved with name and instructions. The nickels are made from quarter inch maple rounds and are also laser-engraved. To start the puzzle, the child arranges the 9 American nickels in any sequence of heads and tails. The kid flipping may change any 1 nickel at the start of the game, i.e. change a head to a tail or vice versa. Rules: Remove any head and flip over neighboring coin(s). Coins are considered “neighbours” if they are immediately adjacent to

each other. Note: If there is a gap between coins after some moves, the coins are no longer neighbours. Repeat the process, selecting a head and flipping neighbours, as long as there is a head showing. The goal is to collect all the nickels. Later, I also discovered there is a video about this game on You Tube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=axk-jGjU8sw>). The game currently lists the game for \$17.99 CAD. I was unable to find the same game using Canadian nickels.



The game is manufactured by Creative Craffthouse in its Hudson, Florida shop. In looking at their website, I found another game “Penny Drop” which comes in the types, “Economy Version” (\$11.95 USD) and “Premium Version” (\$21.00 USD). The Premium Version appears to be a larger box, and comes with a wooden dice cube. This game is designed to be played by a family around a table.



In this game, the wooden money are pennies. To play the game (2 or more players), each player gets 12 pennies (or 10 for a faster game). The object of the game is for a player to be the first to get rid of all his / her pennies. Determine who goes first by each player rolling the single dice cube. The highest role goes first, then play proceeds in a clockwise direction. Player rolls the die and must put a penny in the game board slot corresponding to the number shown on the die. If the player rolls a number that already has a penny in it, they must take all of the pennies showing on the board and then the turn goes to the next player. A player must take at least one roll, but can take as many rolls as they want until they get stuck as in the previous rule.

Getting Kids Interested In Woods –continued

Hole number 6 lets the penny go inside the box so you can roll as many as 6's as possible without penalty. Play continues until a player runs out of pennies and is declared the winner. The pennies are redistributed to start the next game. A fun way to wager on the game would be for each player to put 12 metal pennies (or other sum given Canada no longer mints pennies) inside the box prior to the game starting. The winner would then be awarded that money.

Of course Jim Smith's **woodencoin.com** (located on the side of a mountain in Likely, BC) continues to feature education woods and games for kids. For example, Prime Ministers of Canada with the PM listed with both party affiliation and significant dates. Others available include: Canadian Money Set; Tell Time Set; Dollar Worth of Wooden Nickels Set; Homework Set; Travel Game; Video Coin Set; Chakra Set; and Towns of BC Gold Trail Set. The CAD price (which includes shipping) is \$25 for one Set, \$40 for two Sets, or \$180 for 10 sets. All the woods (43mm) are silk screened with a child-safe lacquer applied. The woods are made from kill beetle pine or fir recycled wood.



The company also makes woods for libraries, sports, and schools to recognize and teach kids to follow rules (for example practise bus safety).

The Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce (Killeen, Texas) introduced its Wooden Nickel Program. The Wooden Nickel Store's tagline is "The Store Where Involvement Buys Everything!" The Wooden Nickel Store's primary function is to assist with the basic needs of KISD students to allow them to focus primarily on their studies and to get parents and caretakers involved with the education process. This project is a long-standing program that allows students, parents, and caretakers the opportunity to earn items they may not be able to otherwise purchase. Each designated school has a program that allows both parents and / or students to earn wooden nickels to buy items in the Wood Nickel Store. Purchases can only be made with wooden nickels earned at the participating schools. The purpose of this program is to promote volunteerism by parents and students alike. In one school wooden nickels can be earned as follows:

- *Participating in a parent workshop (10 nickels per hour)
- *Being a parent volunteer (5 nickels per hour)
- *Attending a PTA meeting (2 nickels per meeting)
- *Reading to a classroom (3 nickels per week)
- *Eating lunch with your child (1 nickel per time)
- *Obtain perfect attendance for a 6-week period (6 nickels)

Wish List items for each school and drop-off locations for donated items can be downloaded from the Wooden Nickel Store website. Also the site has a sponsorship page for sponsorships to support a new elementary school. What a great way to increase volunteerism by using woods to award and recognize the effort, while at the same time, helping families get the items needed for their kids!





Getting Kids Interested In Woods –end

There are far too many restaurants, natural food stores, and country and farm markets to list where “kids eat free with purchase of one adult meal”, “free produce for kids”, and more to help prevent kids hunger, and to help the environment. For example, Jimbo’s Natural Foods Grocer “It’s In The Bag!” wooden nickel program. When customers reuse shopping bags, the customer has a choice between receiving a nickel for every bag to keep, or receiving a wooden nickel for the “It’s In The Bag!” charity program. The customer then takes the wooden nickels and deposits them into acrylic boxes designated for specific charities in the following categories: Children, Animal, Environmental and Social. It is rare for a customer to take metal nickels over wooden nickels, and the Children box receives the highest deposits of wooden nickels. Only non-profit, tax-exempt organizations can register as a charity for any of these boxes.

Disney has been using wooden nickels for tours across the country to promote various movies, amusement park events, Disney cruises, and music. For example, Disney creative a whole series for Newsies.

There are so many ideas of ways to bring children into the hobby of wooden money, and it’s nice to see more and more being used. The Boy Scouts in both Canada and U.S. have been using them for jamborees, fundraisers, geocaching, and merits. Last year, we saw two types of multi-coloured woods to promote a kids’ numismatic website (Kids’ Coin World). Some members have often donated woods to kids auctions and tables at shows and convention, and walked about handing out woods to kids. Some of our members voluntarily go into school and teach numismatics and handout woods during the speaking engagements.

How can you as a member of CAWMC, help to get woods out to kids?



Ecology and humour, virtues of woods...



While doing some research for images to illustrate this newsletter, I came across this product, and its manufacturing French website that touted:

“The 100% customizable wooden token is THE good idea eco-friendly and economical to leave a trace of your passage in the boxes discovered (geocaching), to offer a souvenir to the participants of your Event, to travel a traceable code, to unite a community around your Association, or events that you organize!”

I thought: “right on!” I am preaching to the choir here, but it is nice to be reminded that, by issuing and collecting woods, we “help the environment”.

I also thought that I should get a bunch of these particular woods and use them as a warning sign so that my husband and family will know how hazardous it could be for them to approach me before I finish drinking my first coffee in the morning! ***France***

TT MARKET

WANTED

Quesnel	9665-003	Billy Barker Days
Quesnel Lake	9666-001	Good Time Summer Camp
Rossland	9690-002	Rossland Arena

TO TRADE

Prince George	Pay Less Supplies Ltd.	Rose Rentals
Quesnel	Quesnel Rod and Gun Club	2 different
Salmon Arm	Salmon Arm Museum	

To sell or to trade, please contact David Byard at davidbyard@hotmail.com or at 778-478-9040

In Case You Missed It:

On June 7th, 2019, at 11:13 AM, Al Munro wrote in his e-mail to the membership:

"I just received my monthly newsletter from an American wooden money club I belong to and it contained the following comment. "Darrell Luedtke, Past-President and current Newsletter Editor, International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors (IOWMC), David Lisot, Interviewer, CoinTelevison.com. See and learn how the Great Depression caused the creation of an innovative and clever form of money to purchase items. Find out why the expression, "don't take any wooden nickels" came about. And see examples of some cool wooden nickels! This video is a highlight from the Central States Numismatic Society Convention (CSNS) held May 24-27, 2019 that will be available in its entirety on the Newman Numismatic Portal at <https://nnp.wustl.edu/library/multimediatdetail/522852>. An excerpt of the video is available for viewing on the Coin Television YouTube Channel at: <https://youtu.be/Rt5JiptQb6c>".

Hope you enjoy the video **Al**

From the Editor: I had the chance to watch the video and would recommend that you all watch it when you can. The audio is very good and Darrell Luedtke is extremely knowledgeable in our field of collecting